



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 21, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 PM

David Gebhard Meeting Room

630 Garden St.

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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CALL TO ORDER 3:37 pm

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Arts Advisory Committee Present: Margie Yahyavi, Chair; Nathan Vonk, Vice Chair; Robert Adams, Frederick Janka, Marylove Thralls, William Smithers

Arts Advisory Committee Absent: Kai Tepper

Liaisons Present: Eric Friedman, Santa Barbara City Council

Liaisons Absent: Michael Drury, H.L.C.

Staff Present:

County Office of Arts and Culture: Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director, Julia Rutherford Daly, Curator, Hannah Rubalcava, Grants & Contracts Manager

City of Santa Barbara: Nina Johnson, Senior Assistant to City Administrator

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT- Public comments were related to action items listed below and speakers asked to be able to speak during those items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject: Approval of the Minutes

The Committee approved minutes from the meeting of January 17, 2019 as amended. **M/S/C** Adams/Vonk. *Motion carries.*

The Committee approved minutes from the meeting of September 18, 2018 as amended. **M/S/C** Thralls/Vonk. *Motion carries.*

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS

Casey Summar, a local attorney, shared that she was currently working with the Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative and the County Office of Arts and Culture on a needs assessment to determine:

- If there is a need for a chapter of the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA) in Santa Barbara to serve the community.
- Any needs of the artists, creative businesses, and arts non-profits in Santa Barbara. Potential future services could include anything from educational programs relating to different legal issues in the creative sector to direct access to legal services.

C. Summar asked the Committee if they could complete the survey as members of the arts community and for advice on other ways of distributing the survey to all members of the arts community. B. Smithers and M. Thralls requested clarification regarding which factors will determine the identification of need and who is recommended to take the survey. C. Summar responded that all individuals (non-profits, private creative businesses, and artists) are welcome and encouraged to complete the survey. C. Summar also noted that the survey is explorative. If it is established that community members need these services, Summar will work with the Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative and Office of Arts and Culture to determine next steps. This project received grant funding from the Santa Barbara Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Diane Mackenzie commented that the survey should further clarify its questions to help artists and organizations understand how people can be involved as the project progresses.

C. Summar will work to make the intentions of the survey and the next steps more clear. Summar recommended Casey Caldwell of the Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative as a resource for people seeking additional information.

2. SUBJECT: Poet Laureate

The Arts Advisory Committee approved the Poet Laureate Subcommittee's recommendation for the 2019-2021 Poet Laureate Laure-Anne Bosselaar. **M/S/C** Smithers, Vonk. *Motion carries.*

Members of the Poet Laureate sub-committee included Frederick Janka, Margie Yahyavi, Current Poet Laureate Enid Osborn, Jace Turner, and City Council Member Eric Friedman. The committee was unanimous in their decision because of Bosselaar's credentials (which were shared with the committee), her reputation locally as well as internationally, and her talent as a poet.

Bosselaar will be installed at the City Council Meeting on March 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Mayor Murrillo will host a reception in her office for Arts Advisory Members, City Council Members, and City Poet Laureates Emeriti. Bosselaar's family will also be invited to join.

M. Yahyavi shared a recommendation letter from current Poet Laureate Enid Osborn, who will end her tenure in April. Osborn thanked the Committee for allowing her to serve.

3. SUBJECT: Design/Fabrication Call for Tiny Libraries Update

Staff updated the committee about the production of temporary "Tiny Libraries" in partnership with the Public Library Central Branch. A wide variety of applicants submitted proposals including schools, architecture firms, and artists. The selection panel is reviewing applications and will meet on March 28 to determine a winner. The panel includes representatives from the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Moxi, UCSB, Santa Barbara City College, the Arts Commission and the City Arts Advisory Committee. It was discussed that the decision was made to select one artist or group of artists to support a larger stipend and also create a conceptual piece that was consistent throughout the exhibition. However, because of the popularity of the project and pilot, future iterations could include multiple teams if funding allows.

Yahyavi requested that the Arts Advisory Committee hold a meeting before the April meeting to approve the selection committee's recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Coleen Kelly reminded the committee that the guidelines state that artists will be notified by April 1, 2019 with an installation date of June 1, 2019.

4. SUBJECT: City Hall Mary Heebner Exhibition Update

Installation of the exhibition *On the Blue Shore of Silence: Poems of the Sea by Pablo Neruda - A Fine Art Book by Mary Heebner* at City Hall Gallery will begin on Friday, March 22. An opening reception will be held on First Thursday, Thursday, April 4 from 5-7 p.m. with Heebner, students from Adalante School reciting Neruda poetry in Spanish and English and the new Poet Laureate. Members of the Arts Advisory Committee are encouraged to attend and the reception is free and open to the public.

FUTURE ITEMS

N. Johnson, Senior Assistant to the City Manager, will schedule a special meeting on March 29 to discuss the grant programs and make improvements to the process. N. Johnson announced that no changes to the funding amounts were going to be made but is seeking input on how to improve the process. The meeting is scheduled for 10:30 am on Friday, March 29, 2019 at the David Gebhard Meeting Room.

STAFF REPORTS

J. Rutherford Daly reported that a closing reception for *The River's Journey* exhibition at City Hall Gallery was held during First Thursday on March 7. March 21 was the last day the exhibition was on view. H. Rubalcava also announced that the Santa Barbara County Alliance for Arts Education will be opening a show of student artwork at the Carpinteria Arts Center. The Alliance is also working on an Arts Education Plan for the County and has received \$9,000 in support so far to hire the same consultant that is working on the countywide master arts plan. H. Rubalcava shared that she attended two of the visioning sessions for the Creative Communities Project's Arts Master Plan. S. York Rubin and H. Rubalcava encouraged Arts Advisory members to attend a session either in Santa Barbara or Goleta in the next few weeks. S. York Rubin thanked Arts Advisory members for participation and work in the Poet Laureate Subcommittee and the Tiny Libraries Project Selection Panel.

ADJOURNMENT- 4:45 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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